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### HEALTH RESORTS—RUGBY.

There are health resorts and health resorts. Not all places designated such have full right to the title. There are, too, very many places the picture of health making no claim to support from such a condition. Not unfrequently, also, 'recreative' resorts, merely, would be more descriptive of villages and summer cities prominent for fashionable attractions quite the reverse of healthful. Recreation and health should go hand in hand, but how differently the former is estimated. What to one man would be recreation and enjoyable would be purgatory to another. There is a great gulf fixed between Saratoga and Lake Chautauqua. Still, lost health not only demands change of air and climate, but scene and occupation, and in a health resort of the right kind all these necessities must be present.

What have we in Rugby to offer the tired city man, the convalescent, or the owner of a healthy mind and body, all looking for rest and strength and change? Firstly, we have a section of country beyond a doubt healthful, absolutely free from malarial fevers, and serious zymotic and epidemic diseases. A country, generally speaking, where consumption is unknown. The climate is all that the most inveterate climate hunter could desire, and against which not a word can be said. Secondly, we have scenery of most varied character, "land of brown heath and shaggy wood, land of the mountain and the flood," long stretches of level forest lands, broken and rugged ravines, rocky bluffs, creeks and mountain rivers, with walks and drives in winter among evergreens unknown to the North, and in summer amid a semi-tropical luxuriance of leaf and flower. Thirdly, we may say, without undue boasting, our material and social advantages are such as to make a community not unimpaired of the sounder and more genuine refinements of life; and among these many advantages may be named the Church, sheltering many men of many minds, the Hughes Free Library with its 6,000 books, the fishing and shooting facilities, the practical pursuit of science in a peculiarly rich department of nature, besides the very many opportunities that are quite unseen but always arising, wherein the best interests of all are furthered.

Our geographical situation as a health resort is acknowledged to be good, and far enough away from the centers of trade and excitement to give necessary rest and change, and near enough to them to enable the renovated visitor easily to renew his temporarily neglected work.

We need not, however, depend upon theory. We can point to the large number of visitors to Rugby, and to those new comers amongst us who have been here long enough to test the locality. The verdict of the former is well known, as is also that of the latter, and the voice is unanimous in favor of Rugby as a health resort and an agreeable country town.

There were 335 deaths in Knoxville and suburbs, in 1883.

The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railroad Company's returns for the month just past, show a decrease in earnings of \$594,321, largely due to the bad weather.

Only nine of the thirty-eight States have regular sessions of their Legislatures this winter—Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Iowa, Kentucky and Mississippi.

### Temperature and Rainfall Observations at Rugby, Tenn., for 1883. THOMAS FARDON, Observer.

	MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM THERMOMETERS.								HYGROMETER.				RAINFALL.		
	MONTHLY EXTREMES.				MONTHLY MEANS.				MONTHLY MEANS.		Wet days.	Wet Bulb.	Wet days.	Rain-fall, in inches.	Average of State.
	Max.	Min.	Ran.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Ran.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Wet days.					
January.....	42.5	-2	61.5	41.8	25.8	33.8	16.0	43.6	42.0	18	5.73	4.94			
February.....	73.5	16	57.5	51.5	31.4	41.4	20.1	44.2	42.5	11	4.96	4.08			
March.....	70.5	15	55.5	51.2	29.5	41.8	24.7	46.6	42.1	8	4.05	5.71			
April.....	86	28	60	68.3	43.1	55.7	25.2	56.3	51.7	13	6.39	6.4			
May.....	92	32.5	59.5	77.9	49.1	63.5	28.8	64.2	57.8	6	2.34	3.29			
June.....	90	43	47	81.2	50.3	71.7	24.9	72.9	70.2	11	5.15	4.78			
July.....	91	50	44	85.7	60.4	73.1	25.3	75.1	73.1	9	1.82	5.27			
August.....	89.5	46	43.5	81.8	59.2	70.5	22.6	71.9	70.1	9	4.16	4.03			
September.....	88	38.5	49.5	78.4	52.9	65.6	25.5	68.3	66.0	9	3.39	3.17			
October.....	80	41	39	67.3	51.7	59.5	15.8	60.5	58.5	10	8.11	2.98			
November.....	69	10	59	55.7	30.3	46.0	10.4	50.6	49.2	8	4.72	4.27			
December.....	67	10	57	49.1	26.4	37.7	22.7	45.1	43.9	9	5.30	4.19			
Year 1883.....	91	-2	96			55.1				118	50.03	53.72			

#### REMARKS.

Rugby, Morgan Co., Tenn., is in N. Lat. 36° 21', W. Long. 84° 44'. Instruments used—A Six max. and min. thermometer, wet and dry bulb, and rain-gauge, all by A. S. Allen & Co., St. Louis. Thermometers hung on a tree, five feet from the ground, facing north. Elevation above sea, 1,400 feet. Rain-gauge mounted on a block, rim about two feet from the ground. Observations commenced January 2nd; on December 31st, 357 observations of the maximum and minimum had been made, and 316 of the wet and dry bulbs. Last frost in spring, April 27th. First frost in fall, November 1st. Greatest rainfall of year, 3.17 inches on October 29th; there were eleven other falls of one inch and upwards, aggregating 20.02 inches or 35.7 per cent. of the whole. The wet bulb observations appear too high, probably from several causes—(a) insufficient supply of water to cistern; (b) neglect to change wicking and clean bulb; (c) non removal of wicking in frosty weather. In computing the monthly means, figures below 32° have been thrown out for the wet bulb, and the means calculated in the proportion prevailing above freezing point. The figures are given as showing probable relative degrees of different months. The column of average rainfalls for the State is taken from the Signal Service Report for 1881.

One observation daily: at 9:00 a. m. from January 1st to April 5th, and 6:00 p. m. from April 6th to end of year. Proposed to continue same service in 1884, with addition of weather and wind observations.

Observations of 1883 charted and computed in the Office of the Board of Aid to Land Ownership (Limited), by

C. H. WILSON, Assistant Surveyor to the Board.

#### PENSIONERS AND CLAIMANTS.

Nearly five hundred pensioners and pension claimants have been summoned to appear at Knoxville before a special Government board of medical examiners, consisting of Dr. Graham, of the Pension Bureau at Washington, and pension surgeons Boyd and Cole, of this State. Mr. E. C. Rathbone, of the Pension Bureau, and others, will also make investigations from the legal standpoint. The object is to find out, if possible, whether the money really reaches the just and deserving persons or is swallowed up by the unworthy.

It was a melancholy and disgraceful scene that occurred in a court of justice at Nashville, last Thursday, when, according to the Chattanooga Times, in the course of a discussion, Judge Allen, of the Criminal Court, so far forgot his own and the Court's dignity, as to give the direct lie to John C. Ferriss, the County Judge. The latter, however, maintaining his position, was again assailed by Allen. Immediately the two men closed in a sharp struggle, holding each other by the throat. In the tussle both judges were seen to draw their knives, and had not the two combatants been very forcibly separated and held, a tragedy would doubtless have occurred.

"These be thy gods, O Israel!"

A Washington correspondent of the Nashville American thus mentions each of the Congressmen from the three Eastern districts of Tennessee:

Mr. Pettibone, of the First district of Tennessee, in the House of Representatives, is a scholarly man, and a man of acknowledged ability.

Mr. Houk, of the Second district, is a man of decided ability, a working man, and one who looks out for his friends. There is, perhaps, no man in Congress who exercises more influence with the administration than Mr. Houk. He is a hard worker, a good speaker and a representative Tennessee man.

Gen. Dibrell is a man well known to all Confederate soldiers from Tennessee. He is placed on the Military Committee, which is quite a compliment. A prominent officer of the United States Army, and one who is regarded as authority on all military matters, told your correspondent that Gen. Dibrell had better knowledge of the Army of the United States and its wants and changes than any man in Congress.

#### EVIDENCE FOR THE PLATEAU.

##### The National Farmer:

Taking everything into consideration connected with a farmer's life, there is no place in America that has advantages over East Tennessee.

##### Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette:

During sundry recent visits to Tennessee, we noticed that a considerable share of the immigrants arriving were from Michigan. They are mostly of the second generation from the settlers from the East in that State—men in the prime of life, who are seeking cheap lands in a genial climate, where the pastoral, dairy and fruit-raising pursuits to which they are accustomed may be pursued with perfect success. Michigan farmers are usually intelligent, practical workers, who understand their profession and like it. They, and such as they, appreciate advantages they will enter upon in their new homes at the South.

##### "Com," in North and South:

The climate of the Cumberland Plateau is genial and healthful. Incipient diseases of the lungs are cured by a residence in the atmosphere of the Cumberland; likewise catarrhal difficulties of years' standing are benefitted, and most cases cured. Absolute freedom from that bane of many localities, malaria, is enjoyed by the dweller on the Plateau.

While the soil of these Southern highlands is not so rich and deep as that of the valleys, it is abundantly supplied with the best of water, and to skillful farming yields liberal returns of fruits, grain, roots, etc., and is admirably adapted to stock and dairy farming.

##### North and South:

If you are tired of the frosts and mud and snow of eight months in the year; if you seek a climate that is perfection; if you are looking for fertile land, or for valuable forests, or mines of coal or iron, or quarries of stone, or for any and all things that go to make up a land that presents more natural advantages to the farmer, the mechanic, the capitalist, or the agriculturist, go to the "Great South." Her arms are open to you, and on her fertile bosom, you may find comfort, sustenance, wealth and happiness.

The lumber business in East Tennessee is almost at a standstill for the present.

### OVER THE STATE.

Most of the East Tennessee schools have opened.

Rockwood is to have a large furniture factory.

The burnt portion of Jonesboro is being rebuilt rapidly.

The \$100,000 endowment fund of Maryville College has been raised.

Mr. M. Dwyer, of Pulaski, shipped 1,200 Christmas turkeys to New Orleans.

Mormon elders are still busy at work in some of the north-eastern counties.

Nine cars of a freight train were demolished by a wreck near Morristown last Thursday.

The Memphis Gaslight Company have given 1,000 bushels of coke to the poor of that city.

Cocke county has a balance of \$1,000 in the treasury after meeting all liabilities for 1883.

The Hebrews of Memphis are to have a handsome Temple, which is now not far from completion.

Nashville is organizing a company with a capital stock of \$100,000 for the manufacture of sorghum sugar.

Geo. L. Reno shipped from Pigeon River this season, 4,201 bushels of apples, for which he paid \$2,032.20 cash.

Mr. N. P. Rathburn, a leading citizen of Chattanooga, and president of the First National Bank, died last Friday.

J. H. Otey, of Marion county, was waylaid and robbed of \$665, Sunday night, between South Pittsburg and Jasper.

At the recent wasson contest, Utica, New York, a citizen of Tennessee, Mr. R. D. Thomas, of Knoxville, won first honors.

At Covington, the other day, a young man named Slaughter, over a game of billiards, fatally shot his companion, W. Douglass.

The Tennessee Soldier's Association held its annual meeting at Nashville Tuesday and elected their officers for the ensuing year.

Deputy Marshall Racer, the terror of East Tennessee moonshiners, has resigned his position. He will shortly remove to Indian Territory.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Tennessee, will meet at Limestone, Washington county, January 24th, to hold a quarterly Session.

At Calhoun, McMinn Co., during the recent cold spell, the Hiwassee river was frozen from bank to bank. This is only the third time in twenty-four years.

A middle-aged man (white) was found frozen to death near Dickson, on the 7th inst. There was nothing about his person by which he could be identified.

Reelfoot Lake in Obion county, West Tennessee, is a great resort of sportsmen. It is about four miles wide and twenty-five miles in length. It was formed by an earthquake in February, 1812.

The President on Monday, nominated a number of postmasters, among them the following in Tennessee: John D. Wilson, Murfreesboro; Joseph A. February, Jonesboro; John H. Trent, Morristown; W. B. Douthatt, Fayetteville; John O. Sehorn, Athens.

Another indication of the growth of the South is the increase in post offices. The gain for the Southern States, and Indian Territory, for the past year was 725; for the Western States, 580; for the Pacific slope, 68. The Middle and Eastern States have had very few gains, while Connecticut loses one.—Independent South.

### HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Four thousand persons committed suicide in Paris the past year.

There are over forty murderers on the docket awaiting trial at Cincinnati.

Frank James' illness is very severe. He is thought to be past recovery.

The Boston Foreign Exhibition has closed with a deficit of fifty thousand dollars.

More than 3,000,000 trees were planted in Great Britain during the season of 1881-82.

The Britannic found the disabled Celtic on Saturday, and has towed her into Queenstown.

Arabi Pasha is of the belief that the loss of the Sudan will strengthen the Egyptian Government.

The recent severe cold weather damaged the orange groves of Alabama to the extent of \$1,000,000.

A jury has been obtained in the case of young Nutt, the slayer of the Dukes, and the trial is proceeding.

A man tried to assassinate President Santos, of Montevideo. An aid-de-camp killed the would-be assassin.

The annual report of President McGowan, of the Philadelphia and Reading, shows a surplus of \$2,137,232.

Disturbing reports come from the Spanish Capital and it is feared Alfonso may soon have to flee for his crown.

The storm on the Atlantic coast last week played havoc on Coney Island. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The erection of a Cathedral in Westminster is soon to be begun by the Catholics of England. It will cost \$2,500,000.

The tunnel under the Mersey is nearly completed, and a junction of the Lancashire and Cheshire shores has been effected.

Robert Gordon, born a slave, died in Cincinnati, at the age of seventy-two, possessed of property and held in general esteem.

The Upper House of the Hungarian Diet rejected, 200 to 291, the bill legalizing marriages between Jews and Christians.

The central telephone office in Boston was burned out, and the city will be entirely destitute of telephone service for a week or more.

The Utah Legislature has organized, the members all taking oath that they are not polygamists and have never lived in polygamy.

The demand from foreign buyers for Bluegrass thoroughbreds has been so large the past year that the Lexington fair stakes have suffered in consequence.

Two thousand Anamites attacked a French post, held by fifty marines. After several hours' hard fighting, the Anamites retired with the loss of one hundred killed and wounded.

The body of the missing Delmonico, of New York City, was found frozen to the ground on one of the Orange Mountains, near General McClelland's summer home. He probably fell there exhausted on the 9th inst.

The new Egyptian Cabinet have taken their seats. The evacuation of the Sudan by the Egyptian troops will require a year. Egypt is reported to have decided upon the evacuation of Khartoum. It is feared that eleven thousand Christian and European residents will perish at the hands of the Moslems.